

India Street Neighborhood Study  
Zaccheus Hussey House  
19 India Street  
Nantucket  
Nantucket County  
Massachusetts

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Location: 19 India Street (on north side), Nantucket,  
Massachusetts.

Present Owners: Leon Sherburne, Jr. and Margaret Q. Sherburne

Present Occupants: Mr. and Mrs. Sherburne

Present Use: Seasonal occupancy.

Brief Statement

of Significance: Typical early nineteenth century Nantucket house;  
part of the India Street Neighborhood Study (MASS-1013).

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

## 1. Original and subsequent owners:

- 1809 -- Zaccheus Hussey bought land from Reuben Starbuck for \$1175, "land which I purchased from Nathaniel Chadwick, Administrator of Estate of Francis Baxter, deceased, containing 23½ rods and bounded easterly by Timothy Horsefield; northerly by a lane called Hussey's Court; southerly by Pearl Street; westerly by land of John Howland Swain."
- 1839 -- Lydia Hussey, widow of Zaccheus, for and during her life and after that to daughter Anna Hussey, by deed from children to grandchildren of Zaccheus Hussey.
- 1839 -- Frederick Hussey from Lydia and Anna Hussey for \$2000.
- 1839 -- Frederick Hussey by deed from Pacific Bank for all their interest in the property.
- 1853 -- Sarah C. Hussey from Estate of Frederick Hussey at auction for \$600. (She was his widow; hence the low price.)
- 1864 -- Joseph Winslow from Sarah C. Hussey for \$650.
- 1897 -- Clara A. Norton from Susan W. Swain, Isabel Winslow and Emily Bunker, heirs of Joseph Winslow.
- 1930 -- Clara A. Norton Land Courted the property: L. C. Certificate 1711.
- 1947 -- George B. and Margaret Porter Creesy bought from Clara A. Norton. L. C. Certificate 2936.
- 1947 -- Ethel H. Prindiville of Paris, France, bought from George B. and Margaret Porter Creesy. L. C. Certificate 2969.

1960 to date -- Leon Sherburne, Jr. and Margaret Q. Sherburne  
Land Court Plan 13968 A, Certificate 4477.  
(Abstract: Records Registry Deeds, Nantucket,  
Massachusetts)

2. Date of erection: c. 1809. As Zaccheus Macy bought the land in 1809 it is probable that he built his home soon afterwards. (Abstract: Deeds in Registry Deeds, Nantucket,)
3. Architect: None
4. Original plans, construction, etc.: Construction is of similar type of surrounding houses built at about the same time on India Street.
5. Alterations and additions: Well restored with little structural change.

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure:

Known as the Homestead of Zaccheus Hussey who was 49 years of age when he built the house. He died in 1839 at the age of 79 and his children and grandchildren lived in the house for many years.

By 1809 land in this section was beginning to be more valuable for Zaccheus Macy paid \$1175 for it without a house. By Civil War times the house and land was sold for only \$650.

This property is located in that area originally described as the Third Squadron of Wesco Acre Lots at a place commonly known by the name of Micah's Pond. India Street in the early 1800's was largely occupied by the wealthier families, many of whom derived much profit from the East India trade as well as from whaling. It was first called India Row; later renamed Pearl Street, and still later changed back to India Street. At the time this house was built it was called Pearl Street.

C. Sources of Information:

1. Old Views: Photograph (early) of "Pearl Street" in Nantucket Illustrated, by A. Wittemann, New York; Albertype Co., 1888.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

These records were prepared as part of the India Street Neighborhood

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